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Summary of Conclusions for
Meeting of the NSC Principals Committee

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TIME: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Principals Committee Meeting
on Bosnia (S)

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Summary of Conclusions

Congressional Strategy

1. Principals reviewed the status of Congressional resolutions on U.S. participation in IFOR. They agreed that the United States will take a "leadership role" in coordinating an international effort to ensure that the Bosnian Federation receives the assistance necessary to achieve an adequate military balance when IFOR leaves. In order to assure the impartiality of IFOR, Principals reaffirmed that this requires minimizing the involvement of U.S. military personnel, but they agreed that this did not exclude participation of individual military personnel,

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e.g., at OSD, DSAA or other agencies, in the planning of the effort and that we would offer the Bosnians participation in IMET programs. They approved a draft Presidential letter consistent with these decisions to respond to the just-received letter from Senators Dole and McCain. ~~(C)~~

2. Principals agreed to continue their calls to the Hill before the upcoming votes and agreed on the importance of continuing engagement with Congress and the American people during the implementation of the peace settlement over the next 12 months. ~~(U)~~

Decision Timeline for IFOR

3. Principals agreed that the omnibus UNSCR authorizing the establishment of IFOR, High Representative, CivPol and the withdrawal of UNPROFOR must be separated into two resolutions in order to enact the UNPROFOR and IFOR elements of the UNSCR no later than the day after Paris so that there will be no delay in deployment of the NATO main force. They recognized that high-level intervention with Allies and the Russians could be necessary in this effort (Action: USUN/State/NSC). ~~(C)~~

Eastern Slavonia

4. Regarding the search for nations to join the implementation force for Eastern Slavonia, Principals agreed to increase efforts to recruit the Nordic states, Ireland and Spain before making another push with Canada (Action: State/USUN). ~~(C)~~

IFOR/Non-NATO Muslim Troop Contributors

5. Principals agreed to accelerate efforts to generate voluntary contributions to support the participation in IFOR of Pakistani and possibly Jordanian and Egyptian forces (Action: OSD/State). ~~(C)~~

Equip and Train

5. Principals agreed to encourage Turkey to play a leading role in the multinational effort to equip and train the Federation and to suggest that they might oversee day-to-day coordination among contributors and between contributors and the Bosnians (Action: OSD). ~~(C)~~

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